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SUBJECT: CANAL ZONE FOREST PRESERVE

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1. PER REQUEST REFTELCON, FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION ON CANAL ZONE FOREST PRESERVE PROVIDED FOR SPEAR BY PAUL COAMPANELLA OF PANCANAL: BEGIN QUOTE: THE CANAL ZONE FOREST PRESERVE WAS ESTABLISHED IN MAY 1930 BY ORDER OF GOVERNOR HARRY BURGESS AND IS ADMINISTERED AND PROTECTED BY THE CANAL ZONE GOVERNMENT. THE LAND AREA OF THE PRESERVE ENCOMPASSES NEARLY SIX SQUARE MILES (3,500 ACRES) OF MATURE TROPICAL DECIDUOUS FOREST (HOLDRIDGE SYSTEM) LOCATED 10 MILES NORTH OF BALBOA AND TOTALLY WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CANAL ZONE. THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE FOREST PRESERVE ABUTS ON THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA-CANAL ZONE BORDER. THE HISTORIC LAS CRUCES TRAIL, USED BY THE FORTY-NINERS TO AVOID THE LONG OVERLAND TREK TO CALIFORNIA DURING THE GOLD RUSH, PASSES THROUGH THE PRESERVE. HUNTING, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INJURING, OR MOLESTING OF WILD ANIMALS AND BIRDS AND THEIR NESTS IN THE PRESERVE IS PROHIBITED. THE CUTTING DOWN, DESTROYING, INJURING OR CARRYING AWAY OF ANY TIMBER OR PLANTS IN THE PRESERVE IS PROHIBITED WITHOUT THE EXPRESS AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR. AS PROVIDED BY THE CANAL ZONE CODE, WHOEVER VIOLATES THESE PROVISIONS IS SUBJECT TO FINE OR IMPRISONMENT. THE AREA, WHILE BIOLOGICALLY

COMPLEX, IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY EXTENSIVE TO SUPPORT MANY OF THE LARGE NATIVE ANIMALS, BUT MANY OF THE SMALL MAMMAL AND REPTILE SPECIES ARE ABUNDANT. THE AVIAN FAUNA IS DIVERSE AND COMMON DURING MUCH OF THE YEAR. THE FOREST PRESERVE IS USED EXTENSIVELY BY RESIDENTS OF THE CANAL ZONE AND PANAMA. THE CANAL ZONE GOVERNMENT MAINTAINS TWO RECREATIONAL SITES WITHIN THE PRESERVE. THE LAS CRUCES TRAIL PICNIC AREA HAS A PARKING AREA WITH AN ALUMINUM ROOF, OPEN-SIDED SHELTER AND THREE PICNIC TABLES WITH BENCHES. THE GEORGE W. GREEN PARK AND PICNIC AREA LOCATED ALONG MADDEN ROAD HAS SEVERAL PICNIC TABLES, BENCHES AND RESTROOM FACILITIES. SEVERAL HIKING TRAILS EXTEND OUT FROM EACH FACILITY.

THE AREAS OF PANAMA ADJOINING THE PRESERVE HAVE A LARGE RURAL POPULATION AND THE AREA ALONG THE BORDER IS FREQUENTLY USED BY ITINERANT AGRICULTURALISTS WHO CUT AND BURN FOLIAGE TO CLEAR A LAND AREA FOR FARMING. THE CANAL ZONE POLICE HAVE SIX BUSH PATROLMEN RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTION OF THE TOTAL WILDERNESS AND LAKE AREA OF THE 550 SQUARE MILE CANAL ZONE. THE NUMBERS OF INCURSIONS AND EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE PAST THREE YEARS AS POPULATION DENSITY ALONG THE BORDER AREAS HAS CONTINUED TO GROW. END QUOTE.
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